## 16.135 Wastewater viability assessment.

- 1. The authority, in cooperation with the department of natural resources and the economic development authority, shall require the use of a wastewater viability assessment for any wastewater treatment facility seeking a grant under the wastewater treatment financial assistance program. A wastewater viability assessment shall determine the long-term operational and financial capacity of the facility and its ratepayers. The authority shall develop minimum criteria for eligibility based on the viability assessment.
- 2. The authority, in cooperation with the department of natural resources, shall develop a wastewater viability assessment. The assessment shall include as part of the assessment all of the following factors:
- a. The ability of the applicant to provide proper oversight and management through a certified operator.
- b. The financial ability of the users to support the existing wastewater treatment system, improvements to the wastewater treatment system, and the long-term maintenance of the wastewater treatment system.

2009 Acts, ch 72,  $\S 2;\, 2011$  Acts, ch 34,  $\S 8;\, 2011$  Acts, ch 118,  $\S 85,\, 89$  Referred to in  $\S 16.131A$